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Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action of July 9, 2010, the three-month period for response being until October 12, 2010 (October 9, 2010 being a Saturday and October 11, 2010 being a Federal holiday), please reconsider the rejections of the above-identified application as follows. Allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.